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Warrant for Town Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1929.

WORCESTER, SS.

*To any Constable of the Town of Douglas, in the County of
Worcester;* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Douglas, on Monday, the eighteenth day of March, 1929, at 5:45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, a collector of taxes, six constables, an agent of the Moses Wallis Devise, a tree warden, an auditor, each for the term of one year; one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, one water commissioner, two members of the school committee, one trustee of the public library, one cemetery commissioner, each for the term of three years.

ART. 2. To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the following purposes; support of poor, schools and superintendent, street lighting, moth suppression, tree warden, bridges, sidewalks, fire telephone, fire department, police department, debts and interest, insurance, public library, town officers, printing, town hall and maintenance, elections, and all other expenses of town for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To hear the reports of town officers and outstanding committees, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

ART. 6. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

ART. 7. To fix the number of the superintending school committee and their compensation.

ART. 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for defraying the expenses of observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote twenty-five dollars for the care of town clock, so called.

ART. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the care of public squares and monument lot.

ART. 11. To fix the compensation of the members of the fire company and of the other town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize its tax collector to sell at public auction all parcels of land now held by it under tax titles, and to give deeds to same in name and behalf of the town.

ART. 13. To see if the town will instruct its board of selectmen to petition the State Highway Commission under Chapter 81, General Laws, and acts in amendment thereof, for state aid in construction and repair of highways.

ART. 14. To see if the town will instruct its board of selectmen to petition the Division of Highways of Public Works under Chapter 90, Section 34 of General Laws, for aid in construction or improving some through road.

ART. 15. To raise and appropriate money for highways, stone roads repair, and to carry out two preceding articles, if so voted.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1929, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid out of the revenue of said financial year.

ART. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$850.00 for the purchase of a small truck for fire purposes.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize its board of selectmen to amend its contract with the Worcester Suburban Electric Company so as to secure the substitution of 80 candle power lights in place of 40 C. P., and the installation of six new additional lights along Main Street.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to instruct its board of assessors to use the free cash in the treasury in fixing the tax rate.

THE POLLS MAY CLOSE AT TWO O'CLOCK.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the post office at East Douglas and at the store in Douglas Center seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER,
FRANK E. JONES,
PAUL D. MANNING,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Report of the Selectmen

The Selectmen of Douglas herewith submit their report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending December 31, 1928. They have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer amounting to \$122,273.66 as follows:

For	Amount	Appropriation	Balance
Schools and Superintendent.....	\$40,975 09	\$41,000 00	\$24 91
Highways	\$14,017 94	14,017 94	
State aid	7,205 30		
	<u>\$6,812 64</u>	7,000 00	87 36
Paupers	8,041 62	7,000 00	*1,041 62
Street lighting	2,082 36	2,100 00	17 64
Tree Warden	173 32	350 00	176 68
Moth suppression	187 00	400 00	213 00
Fire telephone	50 90	45 00	*5 90
Town Hall	\$2,778 90	2,778 90	
Income	1,829 96		
	<u>\$948 94</u>	400 00	*548 94
Library	\$1,104 87	1,104 87	
Dog Fund	417 38		
	<u>\$687 49</u>	700 00	12 51
Bridges	5,684 57	5,000 00	*684 57
Memorial Day	145 55	150 00	4 45
Fire Department	252 28	300 00	47 72
Debts and interest	\$38,002 77	38,002 77	
Temporary loans	32,000 00		
	<u>\$6,002 77</u>	5,900 00	*102 77

Care squares	27 25	30 00	2 75
Burial soldier	99 00		
State aid	138 00		
Care cemetery lots	6 40		
Tubercular hospital	244 52		
County tax	3,006 00		

Town Officers:

Salaries	\$1,005 00		
Expenses	46 07		
Bonding	250 00		
Assessors	614 78		
Collector	501 45		
Town Clerk	307 44		
Registrars	63 25		
Health Board	42 20		
Dog Officer	10 00		
		2,840 19	2,850 00
			9 81

Contingent:

Elections	\$267 29		
Constables	458 67		
Vital statistics	5 75		
Forest fires	298 14		
Snow roads	145 95		
Industrial School	393 34		
Railing ways	20 69		
Sidewalks	30 00		
Wgts. and Meas.	33 89		
Old Town Hall	34 43		
Town reports	253 75		
Auditor	75 00		
Meat inspection	136 50		
Cattle inspection	125 00		
Care trough	5 00		
Mowing cemeteries	50 00		
Silent cop	81 93		
		2,415 13	2,000 00
			*414 63
		\$122,273 66	\$75,225 00

*Overdrawn.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER,
FRANK E. JONES,
PAUL D. MANNING,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Report of the Treasurer

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, *Treasurer.*

1928		Dr.
Jan.	10 Corporation Tax Business, State Treas.....	\$304 94
	17 Edward L. Williams, Coll.,	
	Taxes, 1927	\$426 03
	Edward L. Williams, Coll.,	
	Interest, 1927	5 02
		<hr/>
	19 Town Hall, Moses Wallis Devise	431 05
	28 Note No. 78, William L. Hayward	1,104 96
	Therrien Cemetery Fund, Blackstone National Bank	6,000 00
	Interest, Therrien Bonds	102 00
	9 Interest, Therrien Bonds	9 60
Feb.	2 Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	45 00
	Interest, Atlantic National Bank, Regular Acct.	1 07
	Interest, Atlantic National Bank, School Bldg. Acct.	1 48
	Interest, Blackstone National Bank	11 75
	6 Poor Dept., Arthur J. Page	12 88
	9 Rent of Hall, Mrs. J. Chapdelaine, Jr. P.T.A. Court Money, Wesley Webster	5 00
	11 Court Money, Wesley Webster	11 78
	10 Rent of Hall, A. J. Page	20 00
	17 School Dept., Julia Wixtead, Insurance Refund	22 50
	21 Rent of Hall, St. Anne Society	10 00
	22 Edward L. Williams, Coll., Taxes, 1927	203 18
	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Interest on same	3 53
March	1 School Dept., Standard Oil Co.	2 40
	2 Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	40 00
	3 Interest, Atlantic National Bank, School Bldg. Acct.	1 48
	Interest, Blackstone National Bank	10 03
	5 Poor Dept., A. J. Page	19 00

	6	School Dept., Horace Partridge Co.	20	10
	8	Rent of Hall, Firemen	10	00
	10	School Fund, State Treasurer	1,477	33
	21	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Taxes, 1927	779	23
	22	Rent of Hall, O. E. S.	10	00
	31	Temporary Aid	\$452	00
		Independent Industrial School	107	50
			559	50
April	2	License, Undertaker, F. Bowen	1	00
		Poor Dept. Farm, A. J. Page	14	45
		License, Pool, Checo-Slovakia	10	00
		Interest, Blackstone National Bank	3	45
	3	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1927	423	87
		Note No. 19, Grafton Company	10,000	00
	6	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	40	00
	9	Fire Dept., Highways—Ford Motor Co.:		
		Old Hand Tub	\$25	00
		Portable Engine and Boiler	25	00
			50	00
		Poor Dept., Highways	20	70
	14	Rent of Hall, Mrs. Petrie	15	00
		License, Pool, Elmwood Club	10	00
		License, Director of Standards	16	00
	23	License, Pool, Amos Goodness	20	00
	27	Rent of Hall, Alumni	20	00
	30	License, Undertaker, E. E. Young	1	00
		Poor Dept. Farm, A. J. Page	32	59
May	2	Interest, Blackstone National Bank	9	29
	3	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	35	00
	7	Rent of Hall, A. J. Page	15	00
	9	Poor Dept., Highways	8	10
	10	Mothers' Aid, State Treasurer	570	13
	14	Poor Dept., Highways	16	20
	17	Rent of Hall, George Dansereau	10	00
	21	Poor Dept., Highways	24	30
	22	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Taxes, 1927	81	42
		Edward L. Williams, Coll., Poll Taxes, 1928	250	00
June	1	Interest, Blackstone National Bank	5	18
	4	Poor Dept., Highways	16	20
		Inspector of Animals, State Treas.	62	50
		Poor Dept., A. J. Page	40	76
	5	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	45	00
	8	Court Money	05	
	11	Water Bonds, Water Dept.	1,000	00
	12	Water Bonds, Water Dept.	600	00
May	18	Note No. 80, William L. Hayward	10,000	00
	18	Poor Dept., Highways	15	30
	19	Town Note No. 81, William L. Hayward	6,000	00
	22	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Poll Taxes, 1928	404	00
	23	Highways, State Treasurer	1,564	06
	30	Highways, Refund, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	5	99
July	2	Interest, Blackstone National Bank	3	78
		Interest, Atlantic National Bank	6	64
		Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	45	00

		Poor Dept., A. J. Page	35	54
	11	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Poll Taxes, 1928	398	00
		Edward L. Williams, Coll., R.E. Taxes, 1927	192	14
	20	Highways, State Treasurer	1,117	58
	31	Water Bonds, Water Dept.	400	00
		School Dept., W. T. Loomis	5	70
Aug.	1	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	40	00
	2	Interest, Blackstone National Bank	4	11
		Interest, Atlantic National Bank	1	31
	4	Poor Dept. Farm, A. J. Page	85	00
	16	Edward L. Williams, Polls, 1927	\$4	00
		Edward L. Williams, Polls, 1927	25	
				4 25
		Edward L. Williams, 1927 Taxes	\$21	73
		Edward L. Williams, Interest and Fines, 1927 Taxes	43	22
				64 95
		Edward L. Williams, Polls, 1928	\$86	00
		Edward L. Williams, Fines, 1928, Taxes	2	25
				88 25
	18	Highways, State Treasurer	2,183	98
	21	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Taxes, 1928	7,675	27
	29	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Taxes, 1928	1,310	56
Sept.	3	Interest, Blackstone National Bank	1	40
	5	Poor Dept., A. J. Page	31	10
	6	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	45	00
	7	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928	898	92
		Highways, Hayward Woolen Company	148	31
	10	Highways, Frank E. Jones	20	00
	14	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928, R. E.	\$1,073	89
		Edward L. Williams, Polls	72	00
		Edward L. Williams, Fines, Polls, 1928	6	75
				1,152 64
	15	School Dept., A. E. Rawson, Sale of Piano ..	15	00
	20	Licenses, Peddlers' Director of Standards ...	32	00
	22	License, Andrew Mercak	20	00
	24	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928	1,727	91
	26	Income Tax, 1927	\$340	00
		Corporation Tax, Business	287	70
		Corporation Tax, Public Schools, 1925	4	08
		Corporation Tax, Public Schools, 1926	1	71
		Corporation Tax, Public Schools, 1927	1	75
				635 24
	27	Rent of Hall, Frank LaCourse	10	00
	28	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928	17,227	85

Oct.	1	Poor Dept., A. J. Page	4 30
		License, Auctioneer, Albert Dansereau	2 00
	2	Interest, Atlantic National Bank	2 05
		Interest, Blackstone National Bank	1 81
	3	Rent of Hall, W. R. C.	24 00
		Rent of Hall, W. E. Schuster (Hoover Movie)	10 00
		Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928	3,614 70
	5	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	50 00
	8	Rent of Hall, Epworth League	10 00
	10	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928	3,936 92
		Court Money	9 10
	12	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928	2,578 48
	16	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928	8,879 51
	19	Rent of Hall, P. T. A.	20 00
	23	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928	1,223 26
	27	Highways, Town of Upton	6 00
	29	Poor Dept., Katy Novicki	24 00
	31	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Taxes, 1928	2,014 04
Nov.	1	Interest, Atlantic National Bank	16
	2	School Supt., State Treasurer	773 33
		Interest, Blackstone National Bank	20 79
	5	Poor Dept., A. J. Page	32 00
	6	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	40 00
	9	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1927	\$108 83
		Edward L. Williams, Interest, Taxes, 1927	6 70
			115 53
	9	Edward L. Williams, 1928 Taxes	1,294 13
	12	Rent of Hall, Ladies' Aid	5 00
	13	Fire Dept., Use of Pump	5 50
	14	Highways, State Treasurer	2,134 38
	20	State Treasurer:	
		Corporation Tax, P. S.	\$183 29
		Corporation Tax, Business	4,556 70
		Income Tax, 1928	12,786 00
		National Bank Tax	163 93
		Trust Co. Tax	13 69
		Tuition of Children	557 89
		State Aid	144 00
			18,405 50
Dec.	21	Rent of Hall, Blackstone Valley Mill Asso.	25 00
	23	Edward L. Williams, 1928 Taxes	559 13
	1	Interest, Blackstone National Bank	16 36
		Interest, Atlantic National Bank	9 51
	3	Poor Dept., A. J. Page	4 95
	4	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928	322 41
		Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	50 00
	10	Court Money	6 00
		Rent of Hall, D. A. R.	5 00
	13	Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928	329 12
	20	Rent of Old Hall, W. R. C.	9 00

31 State Treasurer:

Corporation Tax, P. S.	\$771 51	
Corporation Tax, Business	397 66	
		1,169 17
Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1926		5 15
Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1927	\$158 20	
Edward L. Williams, Interest, 1927	9 80	
Edward L. Williams, Demand, 1927	25	
		168 25
Edward L. Williams, Polls, 1928	\$18 00	
Edward L. Williams, Fines, 1928	75	
		18 75
Edward L. Williams, Taxes, 1928		1,067 44

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Jan. 1	Dog Fund, County Treasurer	417 38
3	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker	50 00
	Interest, Atlantic National Bank	5 82
	Interest, Blackstone National Bank	23 18
7	Poor Dept., A. J. Page	63 15
10	Poor Dept., A. J. Page	468 00
		\$128,343 02
	By Cash	6,297 14
		\$134,640 16

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Jan. 28	Therrien Cemetery Fund, Whitinsville Savings Bank	\$102 00
Feb. 6	Selectmen's Orders, 472 to 476	8,689 80
March 5	Selectmen's Orders, 477 to 479	4,368 64
April 2	Selectmen's Orders, 480 to 488	6,644 51
May 7	Selectmen's Orders, 489 to 494	8,639 63
June 4	Selectmen's Orders, 495 to 500	8,834 70
July 2	Selectmen's Orders, 501 to 508	9,868 71
Aug. 6	Selectmen's Orders, 509 to 512	3,329 79
Sept. 10	Selectmen's Orders, 513 to 515	11,691 44
Oct. 1	Selectmen's Orders, 516 to 523	17,367 62
Nov. 5	Selectmen's Orders, 524 to 528	19,330 03

20 State Treasurer:

	State Tax	\$2,635 00
	Repairs of State Highways	425 00
	Veterans' Exemption	4 58
		3,064 58
Dec. 3	Selectmen's Orders, 529 to 531	16,223 53

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Jan.	7 Selectmen's Orders, 532 to 546	7,362 28
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		\$125,517 26
	By Cash	9,122 90
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		\$134,640 16

ASSETS

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1928, General Funds	\$8,549 52	
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1928, School Building Fund	573 38	
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		\$9,122 90
Due from Edward L. Williams, Collector, 1926		28 35
Due from Edward L. Williams, Collector, 1927		250 76
Due from Edward L. Williams, Collector, 1928		3,419 14
Due from State Aid—Military		138 00
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		\$12,959 15
In trust, Henry Whiting Fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot		\$196 18
In trust, Sarah E. Scott Fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot		73 40
In trust, Ezra Aldrich Fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot		138 11
In trust, Lucinda C. Reynolds Fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot		138 59
In trust, Caroline M. Otis Fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot		68 16
In trust, Abbie M. Therrien, Whitinsville Savings Bank, Whitinsville, for care of cemetery lot		105 86
In trust, Adeline Pierce Sanborn, Library Fund, Blackstone National Bank, Uxbridge		125 78
In trust, Fund for Care of Graves of G. A. R. Veterans, Whitinsville Savings Bank		880 77

LIABILITIES

Water Bonds—12 one thousand dollar bonds payable two thousand per year, July 1, 1929 to 1934, 31 to 42	\$12,000 00
School Notes—2 one thousand dollar notes payable one thousand per year, Oct. 15, 1929 to 1930	2,000 00
Town Hall Construction Notes—14 one thousand dollar notes payable one thousand dollars per year, Nov. 15, 1929 to 1942, notes 36 to 50	14,000 00
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	\$28,000 00
Water Bonds and Notes (outside debt limit)	\$12,000 00
School Notes and Town Hall Construction Notes (inside debt limit)	16,000 00
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	\$28,000 00

DEBTS AND INTEREST

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	Principal		Interest
Water Bonds—Payable July 1, 1929	\$2,000	O. C. T. Co.	
Int. \$12,000 2% June 15		O. C. T. Co.	\$240 00
10,000 2% Dec. 15		O. C. T. Co.	200 00
School Notes—Payable Oct. 15, 1929	1,000	W. S. B.	
Int. \$2,000 2¾% April 15		W. S. B.	55 00
2,000 2¾% Oct. 15		W. S. B.	55 00
Int. \$14,000 2½% May 15		M. T. Co.	297 50
14,000 2½% Nov. 15		M. T. Co.	297 50
Town Hall Notes—Payable Nov. 15, 1929	1,000	M. T. Co.	

Estimates:

Interest on \$30,000 to be borrowed in anticipation of revenue 4%, 6 months		600 00
	<hr/> \$4,000	<hr/> \$1,745 00
		4,000 00
		<hr/> \$5,745 00

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,

Town Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

*Walter E. Schuster, Chairman, Board of Selectmen,
Town of Douglas, Mass.*

March 1, 1929.

Dear Sir:

We have made an examination of the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Water Commissioner, Overseers of the Poor, and Agent of Devise of Moses Wallis for the year 1928 and report thereon as follows:

TOWN TREASURER

We have seen that all payments were supported by Selectmen's orders or other authorizations. All collections, as shown by the Tax Collector's records, Superintendent of the Poor Farm, and other records were found to be properly entered.

The bank accounts were reconciled with statements received direct from the banking institutions. The cash on hand as of December 31, 1928, was as follows:

General Fund	\$8,549 52
School Building Fund	573 38
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	\$9,122 90

The savings bank books representing the investments of the Trust Funds were examined.

TAX COLLECTOR

The footings of the Tax Collector's cash books were verified and all collections of taxes were turned over to the Town Treasurer and duly entered by him. We have totalled the unpaid items on the Tax Collector's ledgers for the years 1927 and 1928 and saw that these totals, plus the collections and abatements, were in approximate agreement with the tax warrants.

There remain uncollected:

Taxes for the Year 1926	\$28 35
Taxes for the Year 1927	250 76
Taxes for the Year 1928	3,419 14
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	\$3,698 25

WATER COMMISSIONERS

The payments were verified by the orders signed by the Chairman of the Water Commissioners. The total of the collections acknowledged as having been received by the Town Treasurer was found to be entered correctly on his records. The balance of the cash on hand, \$31.79, was on deposit at the Blackstone National Bank.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The receipts from the sale of produce, etc., as shown by the Superintendent's records, were found to be properly entered on the Town Treasurer's records.

DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS

The income from the investments was calculated and found to be entered properly. The withdrawals of income from this fund, except the Agent's salary, were turned over to the Town Treasurer and duly entered by him.

The registered bonds, composing the investments of this fund, were examined and found intact. The cash on hand, amounting to \$2,199.12, was on deposit at the Whitinsville National Bank.

SIMON FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

We have received direct from the Whitinsville National Bank a statement that they have seen the following securities and savings bank books:

U. S. Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds	\$4,500 00
Uxbridge Savings Bank Book	200 00
Uxbridge Savings Bank Book	200 00
Uxbridge Savings Bank Book	1,000 00
Whitinsville Savings Bank Book	7,000 00
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	\$12,900 00

Very respectfully,

SEAMANS, STETSON & TUTTLE,

Certified Public Accountants.

Report of the WATER COMMISSIONERS

1928		Dr.	
Jan.	1	Balance cash in town treasury	\$283 00
		Received for water and sprinkler service	\$4,362 43
		Labor	75
		Supplies	7 50
		Interest on deposits	4 76
			4,375 44
			\$4,658 44

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		Paid labor and supplies making house connections and repairs	\$664 85
		Telephone	21 20
		Power and light	1,054 25
		Superintendent	860 00
		Insurance	26 35
		To Treasurer, Water Bonds	2,000 00
			\$4,626 65
Dec.	31	Balance in treasury	31 79
			\$4,658 44

WILLIAM L. HAYWARD,
OSCAR OLSON,
FRANCISCO BOWEN,

Water Commissioners.

Report of Treasurer

DOUGLAS WATER WORKS

1928			Dr.
Jan.	12	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	\$225 00
	16	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	235 69
	20	Herbert E. Hughes, water collec-	
		tions	\$57 50
		Herbert E. Hughes, labor.....	75
		Herbert E. Hughes, supplies.....	7 50
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			65 75
Feb.	2	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	128 00
May	3	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	230 79
	8	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	148 46
	11	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	1,355 88
	18	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	116 17
June	16	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	460 41
July	17	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	225 00
	24	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	255 69
	30	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	95 50
Aug.	7	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	22 50
Oct.	12	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	220 00
	22	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	339 69
Nov.	17	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	52 71
Dec.	15	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	193 44
		Interest for year.....	4 76
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			\$4,375 44

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Jan. 1	Cash on hand	283 00
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		\$4,658 44

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January	Water Commissioner's Orders, 960 and 961	\$28 10
February	Water Commissioner's Orders, 962 to 966	245 65
March	Water Commissioner's Orders, 967 to 970	230 95
April	Water Commissioner's Orders, 971 to 973	101 10
May	Water Commissioner's Orders, 974 and 975	81 50
June	Water Commissioner's Orders, 976 to 986	2,016 16
July	Water Commissioner's Orders, 987 to 994	567 11
August	Water Commissioner's Orders, 995 to 1001	321 42
September	Water Commissioner's Orders, 1002 to 1007	257 57
October	Water Commissioner's Orders, 1008 to 1010	270 00
November	Water Commissioner's Orders, 1011 to 1015	101 82
December	Water Commissioner's Orders, 1016 to 1021	281 29

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January	Water Commissioner's Orders, 1022 to 1024	123 98
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		\$4,626 65
	By cash on hand	31 79
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		\$4,658 44

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,

Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1928

BIRTHS

Whole number	50
Number of males	23
Number of females	27
	— 50
American parentage	22
Foreign parentage	19
Mixed parentage	9
	— 50

MARRIAGES

Whole number	20
American birth	33
Foreign birth	7
Residents of Douglas	24
Elsewhere	16
First marriage	35
Second marriage	5

DEATHS

Whole number	36
Males	19
Females	17
	— 36
American birth	25
Foreign birth	11
	— 36

Number under 1 year	5
Between 1 and 5 years	0
“ 5 “ 10 “	0
“ 10 “ 20 “	1
“ 20 “ 30 “	0
“ 30 “ 40 “	0
“ 40 “ 50 “	4
“ 50 “ 60 “	4
“ 60 “ 70 “	7
“ 70 “ 80 “	7
“ 80 “ 90 “	6
“ 90 “ 100 “	2
	<hr/> 36

DOGS REGISTERED

Whole number	236
Males, 211 @ \$2.00	\$422 00
Females, 25 @ \$5.00	125 00
	<hr/> \$547 00
Less fees, 236 @ 20 cents	47 20
	<hr/> \$499 80
Paid to County Treasurer	\$499 80

JOHN B. CHAPDELAIN, JR.,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Simon Fairfield Public Library

1928			
Jan.	1.	Balance on deposit	\$169 25
		Unexpended balance of Dog	
		Fund and Town Appropriation	\$122 85
		Dog Fund for year 1928	417 38
March		Town Appropriation	700 00
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			\$1,240 23

1928			
Jan.	5	Received Savings Bank interest	\$22 50
	18	For books	12 01
Feb.	13	For books	12 82
April	9	For books	7 88
	15	Liberty Bond interest..	53 12
	15	Liberty Bond interest..	42 50
May	1	Whitinsville Savings	
		Bank, interest	150 00
	9	For book	58
July	1	For books	6 78
	5	Uxbridge Savings Bk.	
		interest	22 50
Aug.	27	Books	4 41
Sept.	24	Books	5 44
Oct.	15	Liberty Bond interest..	42 50
	15	Liberty Bond interest..	53 13
Nov.	1	Whitinsville Savings	
		Bank interest	175 00
	17	For books	6 38
	20	For books	1 32
		Received fines for year	69 58
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			688 45
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			\$2,097 93

Expenses for year 1928 as follows:

Paid	Rosalie E. Williams, Librarian	\$660 00	
	Mrs. Carl Donaldson	18 00	
	Frank E. Jones, fuel	264 00	
	Books	532 18	
	Magazines and papers	106 00	
	Herbert E. Hughes, janitor	142 50	
	Worcester Suburban Electric Co.	30 93	
	Post Office, rent	2 40	
	Book, paste and posters	2 85	
	Removing ashes	8 00	
	World's Almanac and desk blotters....	2 00	
	Christian Science Monitor	2 30	
	Express	1 64	
	Geo. F. Searles, labor	1 50	
	Herbert E. Hughes, labor	3 00	
	Sharpening lawn mower	1 25	
	Stamped envelopes and freights	4 32	
	Putting on screens	2 00	
	Mrs. Lambert, cleaning library	35 00	
	Supplies	8 61	
	News racks and 8 files	25 00	
	Readers' Guide	7 70	
	Boiler inspection	5 00	
	Washing windows	2 00	
	Stephen Durrell, board	45 00	
	Safety deposit rent	3 00	
			\$1,916 18
1928			
Dec. 31	Balance on deposit	\$46 47	
	Unexpended balance Dog Fund and Town Appropriation for 1928	12 43	
			\$58 90

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Mrs. Royal Keith Fund	\$200 00	
James M. Fairfield Fund	5,000 00	
James Smith Fund	6,000 00	
Arthur F. Taft Fund	500 00	
Winfield S. Schuster Fund	1,000 00	
James W. Wixtead Fund	200 00	
Total		\$12,900 00
The endowment funds of the Library are invested as follows:		
In registered 4¼% Liberty Bonds	\$4,500 00	
In Savings Banks	8,400 00	
		\$12,900 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. JONES,

Treasurer.

Annual Report of the Dept. of Public Welfare

From January 1, 1928, to January 1, 1929.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Douglas:

Value of real estate, 170 acres of land, house, barn and sheds	\$7,000 00
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Personal property at Infirmary as per inventory Jan. 1, 1929:

Household furniture and provisions	\$1,167 27	
Contents of barn, woodhouse, wash-house, farming tools and wagons, etc.	1,396 72	
2 horses	350 00	
3 cows	350 00	
95 hens	150 00	
16 tons hay @ \$25 per ton	400 00	
2 pigs	10 00	
6 cords manure @ \$5 per cord	30 00	
28½ bu. grain	34 00	
	\$3,888 29	

We have made the Superintendent debtor for labor, stock, and produce, etc., as follows:

Received from sale of eggs	\$119 55	
Milk	127 78	
Cows and heifers	85 00	
Fowl	2 80	
Collars	5 00	
Vegetables	6 00	
Team labor	13 50	
Board, E. Leach	468 00	
Toll line	14 85	
Pigs	70 00	
Team labor on roads	100 80	
	\$1,013 28	

The Superintendent has paid out for merchandise and other expenses as follows:

Paid for pigs	\$20 00
Tomatoes	70
Labor on hay	2 45
2 horse blankets	6 00
2 horse collar pads	2 40
2 saddle pads	1 20
Curtains	2 36
Extension ladder	17 00
Wet wash	1 90
Service	3 00
Returned on service	2 00
Barber	9 75
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	\$68 76

OVERSEER'S CASH PAYMENTS FOR INFIRMARY ACCOUNT

Paid Superintendent, salary	\$1,000 20
E. N. Jenckes, groceries	548 88
E. N. Jenckes, grain	549 60
Charles L. Church, groceries	111 37
Charles L. Church, grain	17 89
Charles L. Church, meat	61 62
Charles L. Church, clothes	4 20
Putnam & Brinck, groceries	35 40
Putnam & Brinck, grain	35 20
Putnam & Brinck, meat	19 86
Thomas P. Ritchie, groceries	259 57
Thomas P. Ritchie, seeds	25 50
Alfred Stone, groceries	38 10
T. E. Kelly, meat	98 34
Walter T. Marris, meat	84 02
Frank Rivard, fish	43 56
Frank E. Jones, coal	256 00
Frank E. Jones, ice	10 80
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	26 60
Worcester Suburban Electric Co.	96 81
Mackey, plumbing and supplies	23 05
P. Jones, plumbing and supplies	26 28
W. R. Wallis, hardware	157 78
Charles Krull, blacksmith	28 45
Hector Vandal, horses	250 00
Forestdale Mfg. Co., horses	350 00
Dr. J. Andrews, D.V.S.	10 00
Dr. L. A. Paquin, D.V.S.	10 00
Dr. Paul F. Ela	2 00
Dr. J. Quinn	4 00
Frank Rivard, butchering	6 00
Charles E. Clark, electrician	35
H. A. Peters, labor on ice	4 50
J. P. Manning, labor on ice	44 25
P. J. Cotter, horse collar	12 00

Commissioner of Public Safety, inspection	5 00	
Clif. Lunn, carpentering	7 00	
Fred Nault, carpentering	55 60	
Schuster Woolen Co., paint and supplies	168 94	
Mr. F. Dumas, painting	280 80	
	<hr/>	\$4,769 52

SUMMARY

Superintendent has paid as per his account	\$68 76	
Overseers have paid as per their account	4,769 52	
	<hr/>	\$4,838 28

The Overseer's Account is as follows:

Appropriation at annual town meeting	\$7,000 00	
Appropriation at special town meeting	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,200 00

Expenditures:

Orders on Town Treasurer:		
(State) Temporary Aid	\$1,453 31	
(State) Mothers' Aid	788 50	
(Town) Town Aid	978 59	
Miscellaneous	23 95	
Infirmary cost	4,769 52	
	<hr/>	\$8,013 87
Amount unexpended		\$186 13

Infirmary Superintendent receipts	\$1,013 28	
Infirmary Superintendent expenditures	68 76	
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Turned into Town Treasury		\$944 52
Received from State, reimbursements for 1927	\$1,022 13	\$1,022 13
Due from State, reimbursements for 1928	1,739 60	1,739 60
Due from Hector Vandall for horses	110 00	110 00

TEMPORARY AID ACCOUNT

Paid No. 1	\$987 49	
No. 2	3 09	
No. 3	12 00	
No. 4	450 73	
	<hr/>	\$1,453 31

MOTHER'S AID ACCOUNT

Paid No. 1	\$788 50	\$788 50
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TOWN AID ACCOUNT

Paid No. 1	\$546 00	
No. 2	156 00	
No. 3	36 00	
No. 4	118 00	
No. 5	20 00	
No. 6	18 00	
No. 7	14 00	
No. 8	70 59	
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		\$978 59

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Miscellaneous	\$23 95	\$23 95
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INMATES AT INFIRMARY DURING YEAR 1928

No.	Age	Weeks	Days
1	54	52	1
2	69	52	1
3	77	52	1
4	70	52	1
5	73	52	1

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. PAGE,
WALTER PARKER,
HARRY OLSON.

Report of Agent

MOSES WALLIS DEVISE

To the Town of Douglas

For Year Ending December 31, 1928.

The agent charges himself with amounts due the devise January 1, 1927, as follows:

Los Angeles School District Bonds, 5%.....	\$16,201 50	
Amortization	124 32	
		\$16,077 18
Jersey City Water Bonds, 4½%.....	\$5,231 50	
Amortization	18 78	
		5,212 72
City of Detroit Bonds, 4½%.....	\$5,250 00	
Amortization	21 55	
		5,228 45
Tremont Trust Company.....	\$52 68	
Reserve for Depreciation.....	52 68	
Whitinsville National Bank.....		2,089 04
		\$28,607 39
Value to Keep Permanent.....		27,502 43
Due Town Treasurer.....		\$1,104 96

The agent has received as follows:

Jan.	1	Balance	\$2,089 04
	11	Interest, Whitinsville National Bank	
			\$3 69
Feb.	1	Interest, City of Detroit Bonds ..	112 50
	6	Interest, County of Los Angeles Bonds	375 00

	7	Interest, Whitinsville National Bank	3 69	
April	3	Interest, Jersey City Water Bonds	112 50	
May	4	Interest, Whitinsville National Bank	4 73	
June	30	Tremont Trust Company	52 68	
Aug.	2	Interest, City of Detroit Bonds ..	112 50	
	6	Interest, Los Angeles Bonds	375 00	
Oct.	1	Interest, Jersey City Water Bonds	112 50	
	5	Interest, Whitinsville National Bank	17 81	
Dec.	7	Interest, Whitinsville National Bank	7 44	
			<hr/>	1,290 04
				<hr/> \$3,379 08

The agent has paid out as follows:

Jan.	19	Town Treasurer	\$1,104 96	
Dec.	31	Salary, Agent	75 00	
		Balance	2,199 12	
			<hr/>	\$3,379 08

PRESENT VALUE OF DEVISE

\$15,000 00	Los Angeles, 5%	\$16,201 50	
	Amortization	165 76	
		<hr/>	\$16,035 74
5,000 00	Jersey City, 4½%	\$5,231 50	
	Amortization	25 04	
		<hr/>	5,206 46
5,000 00	City of Detroit	\$5,250 00	
	Amortization	30 17	
		<hr/>	5,219 83
	Whitinsville National Bank		2,199 12
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			\$28,661 15
			<hr/> Value to Keep Permanent
			27,502 43
			<hr/>
			Due Town Treasurer
			\$1,158 72

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, Agent.

Collector's Report

1928

The Assessors for the year 1928 committed to me the 18th day of April, 1928, the Collector's book with warrant to collect and pay over to Treasurer of said town of Douglas, Poll Taxes..... \$1,210 00
 Poll Taxes, extra assessment, October 17, 1928..... 44 00

Total \$1,254 00

I have collected and paid to Treasurer of said town in poll taxes to January 1, 1929 1,228 00
 Received abatements on poll taxes 26 00
 Paid fines on poll taxes 9 75

On August 8, 1928, received Collector's book and warrant to collect and pay over to Treasurer of said town of Douglas:
 Real estate and personal property taxes \$59,143 54
 Extra assessment December 18, 1928 20 48

Total \$59,164 02

I have collected and paid to Treasurer in cash to January 1, 1929 55,733 54
 Received abatement on property taxes 11 34

Balance uncollected January 1, 1929 \$55,744 88
 Balance uncollected January 1, 1929, for 1926 taxes 3,419 14
 Balance uncollected January 1, 1929, for 1927 taxes 28 35
 Balance uncollected January 1, 1929, for 1927 taxes 250 76

EDWARD L. WILLIAMS,

Tax Collector.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

For the year ending December 31, 1928.

East Douglas, February 26, 1929.

To the Selectmen:

The following is the work done on town trees during 1928:

W. E. Carpenter, 87 hours @ 50c.....	\$43 50
W. L. Carpenter, 75 hours @ 75c.....	56 25
R. D. Carpenter, 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours @ 60c.....	18 40
Herbert Gove, 28 hours @ 50c.....	14 00
Raymond Thomas, 21 hours @ 50c.....	10 50
Team, 71 hours at 25c.....	17 75
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	\$160 40

SUPPLIES

W. R. Wallis, repair of ladders and supplies.....	\$12 92
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	\$173 32

Respectfully,

• W. E. CARPENTER,

Tree Warden.

Report of ROAD COMMISSIONER

HIGHWAY MATERIAL

W. R. Wallis:

253 feet sewer pipe.....	\$175 57
One 15-inch "Y".....	4 05
Nails and spikes.....	1 60
3 bags cement @ 95c.....	2 85
6 pick handles.....	3 85
2 dozen R. Point shovels @ \$1.40.....	33 60
15 bags cement @ 75c.....	11 25
3 S. Point shovels @ \$1.10.....	3 30
Nails.....	1 20
4 picks @ \$1.00.....	4 00
6 pick handles @ 60c.....	3 60
1 gal. paint.....	1 95
3 shovels @ \$1.40.....	4 20
3 hose @ \$1.05.....	3 15
Bush scythes, snathes and material.....	13 82
Material.....	19 40
E. N. Jenckes, material.....	5 81
New Haven Trap Rock Co.:	
199,700 lbs. trap rock, $\frac{3}{4}$ in., @ \$1.45.....	144 79
210,400 lbs. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. trap rock @ \$1.70.....	179 70
The Barrett Co.:	
325 gal. Tarvia "K. P." @ 18c.....	544 50
10,012 gal. Tarvia "B." @ 14c.....	1,401 68
Charles Church, material.....	43 58
The Berger Mfg. Co., culvert pipes.....	276 20
The Texas Co., 7,857 gal. @ .068 cents.....	534 28
Walter J. Dudley, 14 guide signs.....	22 80
Geo. Cole, 17 gal. gas., 1 gal. oil and 2 lanterns.....	6 29
Acme Road Mach. Co., 2 scraper blades.....	13 50
Hedge & Mattheis Co., air compressor drills and tools.....	86 10
Putnam & Brinck, material.....	5 24
Total Material.....	\$3,551 86

SUPPLIES

T. G. Flagg, one ledger.....	\$1 75	
W. H. Dudley, long distance calls.....	5 00	
P. D. Manning:		
Liability insurance policy, No. 433687.....	201 00	
Additional insurance last year.....	215 69	
Dyar Sales & Mach. Co., parts for scraper.....	48 51	
Charles Krull, repairs.....	75 60	
Building one road drag and repairing one.....	51 30	
Total Supplies		\$598 85

FREIGHT

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight on five cars trap rock.....	\$236 38	
Demurrage on one car.....	4 00	
Total		\$240 38

EXPRESS

American Railway Express Co.	\$8 65	
Total Express		\$8 65
Blanchard Bros. Granite Co., use of derrick 20 days @ \$1.00.....	\$20 00	
Total		\$20 00

GRAVEL

	Loads	Rate	Amount
Harold Buxton	736	\$0 05	\$36 80
William Buxton estate.....	297	05	14 85
Pete Lancz	52	05	2 60
Walter Buffum	131	05	6 55
Sanford Jadrey	339	05	16 95
Nelson Place	33	05	1 65
Charles Buxton	109	05	5 45
Albert Valcourt	65	05	3 25
Helen Balcolm	178	05	8 90
Ada Sanborn	54	05	2 70
Fred Parker	35	05	1 75
D. E. Caswell	376	05	18 80
Myron Chase	106	05	5 30
Ray Dudley	94	05	4 70
Total Gravel			\$130 25
Grand Total for Highways.....			\$14,017 94

W. H. DUDLEY,

Superintendent of Highways.

BRIDGES

	Hours	Rate	Amount
W. H. Dudley	5	\$0 50	\$2 50
Auto	5	20	1 00
Truck	5	85	4 25
Earl Ballou	5	40	2 00
J. P. Manning	5	40	2 00
Albert Valcourt	5	40	2 00
James Smith	5	40	2 00
Earl McCann	5	40	2 00
Total			\$17 75
Blanchard Bros.' Granite Co., to building stone arch under contract of June 18th			\$4,500 00
Extra work by Blanchard Bros.			1,166 82
Total			\$5,666 82
Grand Total			\$5,684 57

RAILINGS

W. H. Dudley, truck	9	\$0 85	\$7 65
Earl Ballou	9	40	3 60
Earl McCann	9	40	3 60
Henry Peters	9	40	3 60
Total			\$18 45

MATERIAL

W. R. Wallis, 1 pc. 20 ft. 4x4			\$2 24
Grand Total			\$20 69

W. H. DUDLEY,
Superintendent of Highways.

HIGHWAYS

	Hours	Rate	Amount
W. H. Dudley	49	\$0 55	\$26 95
W. H. Dudley	1,528	50	764 00
Auto	1,228	20	245 60
Truck	1,522	85	1,293 70
Large truck	18	1 50	27 00
Large truck	413	1 25	516 25
2 horses on scraper	413	1 05	433 65
2 horses on cart and drag	1,056	90	950 40
J. P. Manning	3	45	1 35

J. P. Manning	54	40	21 60
2 horses on cart and road drag.....	488	90	439 20
W. H. Parker	54	40	21 60
2 horses on scraper.....	213	1 05	223 65
2 horses on cart and road drag.....	203	90	182 70
Town Farm, 2 horses.....	112	90	100 80
Earl Ballou	37	45	16 65
Earl Ballou	1,454	40	581 60
James Smith	31	45	13 95
James Smith	337	40	134 80
Edward Murphy	23	45	10 35
Edward Murphy	48	40	19 20
Francis Carter	195	35	68 25
Francis Carter	599	40	239 60
Russell Keith	14	45	6 30
Russell Keith	405	40	162 00
Ernest Lunn	11	45	4 95
Ernest Lunn	575	40	230 00
Clifford Lunn	3	45	1 35
Clifford Lunn	471	40	188 40
Edward Buxton	27	40	10 80
Domanic Yacino	7	40	2 80
Henry Ballou	109	40	43 60
Wentell Keith	63	40	25 20
Earl McCann	1,104	40	441 60
Albert Valcourt	999	40	399 60
Philis Fregeau	44	40	17 60
William Caswell	309	40	123 60

Tending lanterns at bridge from

Jan. 1 to May 31.....			114 00
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Harry Downs	4	45	1 80
Henry Peters	246	40	98 40
Raymond Flint	187	40	74 80
Charles Dudley	943	40	377 20
John Koslak	153	40	61 20
Arthur Rawson	30	40	12 00
Lewis Eldridge	31	40	12 40
Harold Fiske	31	40	12 40
Warren Wheeler	25	40	10 00
Lewis Fiske	27	40	10 80
Ernest Labelle	26	40	10 40
Lincoln Carpenter	26	40	10 40
Everett Ballou	122	40	48 80
Elma Dudley	37	40	14 80
F. A. Angel	30	40	12 00
Jerry Randell	39	40	15 60
Paul Chase	85	40	34 00
Harley Barton	136	40	54 40
John Foloni	91	40	36 40
John Carter	927	35	324 45
Albert Yacino	156	30	46 80
James Yacino	32	30	9 60
John Pompa	4	30	1 20

Paul Kostka	21	30	6 30
Donnel O'Donnell	21	30	6 30
Victor Dion	18	30	5 40
Francis McCann	26	30	7 80
Francis McCann	63	35	22 05
Charles McCann	14	35	4 90
Charles McCann	30	30	9 00
Andrew Landeau	13	30	3 90
Gustavus Dudley	8	30	2 40
Thyar Peters	18	30	5 40
Total Labor			<u>\$9,467 95</u>

SNOW ROADS

	Hours	Rate	Amount
W. H. Dudley	31	\$0 55	\$17 05
2 horses	37	45	16 65
J. P. Manning	13	45	5 85
2 horses	7	45	3 15
Earl Ballou	18	45	8 10
Clifford Lunn	8	45	3 60
Russell Keith	15	45	6 75
James Smith	8	45	3 60
Francis Carter	19	35	6 65
John Carter	19	35	6 65
Henry Ballou	7	45	3 15
Edward Murphy	11	45	4 95
Ernest Lunn	7	45	3 15
Earl McCann	7	45	3 15
Edward Buxton	7	45	3 15
William Murphy	4	45	1 80
William Murphy, Jr.	7	35	2 45
Arthur Morse	20	45	9 00
1 horse	20	25	5 00
Total Labor			<u>\$113 85</u>

REPAIRS

Charles Krull:

To repairing snow plow	\$6 80
To repairing sidewalk plow	17 80
Schuster Woolen Co., to painting snow plow	7 50
Total	<u>\$32 10</u>
	113 85
Grand Total	<u>\$145 95</u>

W. H. DUDLEY,

Superintendent of Highways.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
and Superintendent of Schools
OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1928



WHITINSVILLE, MASS.
PRESS OF EAGLE PRINTING CO.
1929

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JOHN B. CHAPDELAINE	Term expires 1929
DR. PAUL ELA	" " 1929
WILLIAM T. LOOMIS, Chairman	" " 1930
LILLIAN G. CARPENTER	" " 1930
BAYLIS G. ALDRICH	" " 1931
ARTHUR E. RAWSON, Secretary	" " 1931

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. B. GARCELON

PURCHASING AGENT

W. T. LOOMIS

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

DOUWE DEJONG

E. L. WILLIAMS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

HIGH SCHOOL

Winter term—January 2, 1929, to March 22, 1929, 12 weeks.

Spring term—April 1, 1929, to June 21, 1929, 12 weeks.

Fall term—September 3, 1929, to December 20, 1929, 16 weeks.

Winter term—December 30, 1929, to March 21, 1930, 12 weeks.

Spring term—March 31, 1930, to June 20, 1930, 12 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—November 28 to December 1.

Christmas vacation—December 21 to December 30.

Spring vacation—March 22 to March 31.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Winter term—January 7, 1929, to March 22, 1929, 12 weeks.

Spring term—April 1, 1929, to June 14, 1929, 11 weeks.

Fall term—September 3, 1929, to December 20, 1929, 16 weeks.

Winter term—January 6, 1930, to March 21, 1930, 11 weeks.

Spring term—March 31, 1930, to June 13, 1930, 11 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—November 28 to December 2.

Christmas vacation—December 21 to January 6.

Spring vacation—March 22 to March 31.

NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

Three blasts of the whistle at 7:45 A. M. closes all schools for the morning session.

The same signal at 11:45 A. M., closes all schools for the afternoon session.

The signal at 11:15 denotes that there will be a single session. In this case the session will be lengthened one hour in the first grade, and one hour and a half in the others.

Report of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee submits the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1928:

The appropriations for the schools were \$41,000.00 and the expenditures \$40,975.09.

We received from the State as reimbursement for teachers' salaries, \$8,993.00, for tuition of state wards, \$557.89, and for superintendent's salary, \$773.33, making a total of \$10,324.22.

This reduces the net cost of the schools to \$30,650.87.

The itemized expenditures are as follows:

Expenditures of School Committee	\$143 26
Salary of Superintendent	1,452 00
Expenses of Superintendent	182 29
Salaries of Supervisors	1,615 40
Expenses of Supervisors	107 06
Salary of High School Principal	2,270 00
Salary of High School Teachers	2,840 00
Salary of Elementary Teachers	15,976 86
Books, High School	322 39
Books, Elementary Schools	583 90
Stationery, High School	255 89
Stationery, Elementary Schools	618 55
Janitors, High School	1,305 00
Janitors, Elementary Schools	1,815 75
Fuel, High School	1,062 82
Fuel, Elementary Schools	1,261 00
Miscellaneous (Expense of operation) High School	410 67
Miscellaneous (Expense of operation) Elementary Schools	225 66
Repairs, High School	128 40

Repairs, Elementary Schools	2,220 54	
Health, High School	69 15	
Health, Elementary Schools	622 44	
Transportation in town	1,281 00	
Transportation in other towns	188 00	
Tuition, Elementary Schools	30 00	
Miscellaneous (Other expense) High School	104 46	
Miscellaneous (Other expense) Elementary Schools	118 59	
New grounds	19 20	
New equipment	3,246 11	
Insurance	498 70	
		<hr/> \$40,975 09

It will be noted in the above that \$2,348.94 was spent for repairs and \$3,246.11 for new equipment. The repairs included painting of three buildings, along with very extensive repairs on the roof of the Main Street building. The item of new equipment is the balance of the amount expended on toilets in the Main Street building.

Appropriations asked for:

General expenses, including Superintendent's salary, expenses of School Committee and Attendance Officers	\$1,800 00
Expenses for instruction, including teachers' salaries, text-books and supplies, and miscellaneous expenses for instruction	26,500 00
Expenses for operation of school plants, including jan- itors' salaries, fuel and miscellaneous expenses for operation	6,400 00
Maintenance, repairs, etc.	1,200 00
Auxiliary agencies, including promotion of health, transportation, etc.	2,800 00
Insurance	800 00
	<hr/> \$39,500 00

It will be noted that we have reduced our appropriations asked for \$1,500. There is no amount set aside for new equipment, and, therefore, it would seem that it might be possible to reduce our total expenditures by \$3,000, which was the amount expended for new equipment last year. However, this is impossible because of the imperative need for one more teacher in High School.

WILLIAM T. LOOMIS,
ARTHUR E. RAWSON,
DR. PAUL ELA,
LILLIAN G. CARPENTER,
JOHN B. CHAPDELAINE,
BAYLIS ALDRICH,

School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Douglas:

It is with pleasure that I submit my first annual school report of the town of Douglas, the same being the twenty-eighth superintendent's report for this district.

First, let me publicly declare my sincere appreciation of the cordial welcome and assistance extended to me, by your former Superintendent of Schools Mr. C. L. Judkins, an indefatigable worker for the success of your school system; by your School Committee, which has supported every recommendation I have made for the welfare of the school department; by the teachers and principals, who are ever ready and willing to follow constructive suggestions and criticisms; by the student body, parents, citizens and town officers. All have shown, in one way or another, their sincere interest in the schools of Douglas, and by so doing have filled me with hope, confidence and enthusiasm for the future development and efficiency of our school system.

FINANCIAL

My predecessor, Mr. C. L. Judkins, has pointed out to me the many problems of the school department and has given me an outline of his recommendations for the solution of these problems as well as suggestions for the future growth and extension of service of the school department. With these things in mind, I entered upon my duties as Superintendent of Schools, remembering always, that no public school system is perfect; that there are always many things we want to do in our schools which we cannot afford; that there is always a financial limit in every community, beyond which it is unsafe to go; and yet, that every community, through its voters, wants and demands efficient schools, and is willing to provide the necessary funds if it can be shown how this can be done.

That education pays, that it is a good investment, is most generally accepted today; for in every nation, state, city or town, where data is available showing the relation between per capita expenditure for education and per capita income, it is *always* found that those places expending most for education, have the highest per capita income.

WHAT WE HAVE

The Douglas School Department has much to be proud of. The outstanding feature is the Memorial High School building. This school is modern in every feature and is an inspiration to all: pupils, teachers, parents and citizens.

Our teachers are loyal, competent, co-operative, and enthusiastic about their work. All suggestions for improvement are well received, even though it results in more work for the teacher. Teacher training in service has been approved, and soon all our teachers will be taking an extension course in psychology.

Our school buildings are all in a state of good repair, textbooks and supplies are adequately furnished, improvements are gradually being made, with the result that we feel that our schools are becoming more efficient.

We have a course of study which takes care of the traditional three R's plus many of the more modern items, as music, drawing, domestic science, manual training and commercial subjects.

WHAT WE NEED

In all probability the thing most needed by most school systems is a closer articulation of the respective units of the work; a better understanding of just what education is; how it can best be obtained; what it can do for you and how much it is worth to you and society.

We need to apply modern business methods to our educational program and justify our present large expenditures on economic principles. If any part of our program does not give us a return commensurate with the expenditure, we must stop spending money along that line.

We need to measure well our product. We need to investigate our educational results more scientifically. We must test our work with greater accuracy, if possible, and thereby learn why and where we are failing, and make the necessary corrections, thus saving wasted time, energy and money.

We want and need more thorough, more consistent training for our boys and girls, to the end that they will graduate from our schools, competent to fight the battles of life with credit to themselves and to society.

We not only want our boys and girls to have moral stamina and intellectual acumen, but also physical sturdiness.

We believe we should have a commercial course in our high school. At the present time we have the beginnings of such a course, but need another teacher if this work is to be effectively done. It might be stated further, that the statutes require in the high schools, one teacher for every twenty-five pupils, exclusive of the principal. Because of our non-compliance with this law, our state rating has been lowered.

ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR NEEDS

Realizing that at the present time our schools are doing much creditable work; appreciating all that the town of Douglas has provided for us; knowing clearly just what we want to do to make this service even more effective and knowing the means to this end, we feel assured of the achievement of our needs, provided, that reasonable financial support is given the school department. (We know such support has been given in the past and are confident it will be in the future.)

Curriculum study, teachers' meetings, revision and enrichment of the course of study, will give us the needed closer articulation of one educational unit to another.

A study of what education is all about, the philosophy of education; of practical educational psychology; of sociology and of child study, will bring us closer to an understanding of just what education is.

How an education can best be obtained comes to the student when he realizes its value, through proper incentives, guidance and teacher leadership.

Business methods in education come to us through a careful analysis of our job, evaluating educational worth, as far as this is possible, into expressions of moral, intellectual, physical and financial well being.

Through intellectual achievement and diagnostic tests we do away with the subjective measuring of school work and put it on a scientific basis.

To achieve physical well being, good health, our medical examinations must be complete and thorough; the work of the school nurse and dental clinic must go on, but even more than this is needed.

We believe our boys and girls need a physical education program, arranged for *all* pupils, with ample play grounds for Spring and Fall use, and a gymnasium for all-year-round use. At the present time our successful athletic teams, under the splendid leadership of Mr. LeRoy Allard, have no adequate training quarters, in fact no quarters at all. If a gymnasium, or even a hall, could be provided, even greater success would be ours.

Most school reports fail to mention the janitor service given the department because most janitorial work is poorly done, but this is not so in Douglas.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF EDUCATION

Years ago an education consisted of training along the lines of the three R's—and this and only this. An education consisted of the mastery of the content of the studies pursued with little or no emphasis on the manner in which facts were mastered or the use to which the facts were to be put. Many of our earlier schools used the memoritor method, a method of learning depending entirely on the memorizing of facts, with little or no application of the facts learned to the problems of life.

Today all this is different. Never do we permit word for word recitations from the textbooks. We demand that our pupils master the subject matter with a complete understanding of the facts and their relation and bearing on life. To be educated, means, to be socially efficient.

Social efficiency is dependent upon:

1. Vital efficiency, which has to do with health and physical development.
2. Vocational efficiency, which embraces agricultural, industrial, commercial, professional and domestic training.
3. Avocational efficiency, or the proper use of one's leisure time.
4. Civic efficiency, which embraces good citizenship, local, state, national and world citizenship.
5. Moral efficiency, having to do with morality and social service.

These are the five great ends, or objectives of education as we conceive education today, and they are developed in the schools, not alone by the knowledge available, but also through the teaching of *habits*, *ideals* and *appreciation*. From this it will be seen that the job of the school today is quite different from that of the little red school house.

RATING OF PUPILS AND SCHOOLS

The work of the schools, until recently, has been rated subjectively; there were no scientific, objective standards. Our schools were good or bad if "so-and-so" thought them good or bad. No scientific attempt was made to get impersonal data upon which a judgment might be based. However, educational tests are being worked out and many scientific educational truths are being discovered. Our only danger in using these tests is that we will read into our tabulated results more than is actually there. Determination, loyalty, fear, ambition, generosity, kindness, love, hate, resentment, willingness to forgive, helpfulness, joy, sorrow, desires, etc., cannot be discovered by educational tests, and yet these characteristics largely determine an individual's usefulness to himself and society. Tests, however, give us valuable data for purposes of comparison, data showing ability to reason, to comprehend, to record facts, and also the rate of ability to learn.

During the year educational tests will be given which will record the potential brightness of each pupil. With such an index figure at hand we will be better able to recognize and give help to the slow-moving pupil, and at the same time arrange a program for the bright pupils, sufficiently difficult to make him work. If the slow pupils are not recognized and helped, their school work soon becomes extremely difficult, and very slow progress made, and, where the bright pupils are not compelled to work according to their abilities they become lazy, both of which results tend to give our schools a low rating. The average pupil, of course, fits into our school work, as now organized.

SPECIAL TEACHERS

For a detailed account of the work in music, drawing, domestic science and manual training, I refer you to the respective reports.

The resignation of Mrs. Edwidge Cook was greatly regretted as her work was very successfully done. As her successor we have elected Miss Minnie A. Brigham, whose training and experience fit her well as Mrs. Cook's successor.

Special classes in violin and piano have been started this year under the leadership of Mrs. Harold Chase and Mrs. Jenks, respectively. One hope is, that we may have classes in other instruments.

These special teachers report a great deal of interest on the part of their pupils. In the course of the year many of these young people will be playing in our orchestra.

The manual training department is continuing the program of last year. Mr. S. E. Bohaker is making for the Douglas School Department two oak teachers' desks, which will demonstrate the work of his department and at the same time furnish two teachers' with much needed desks.

Our drawing department is continuing along the lines of last year under the leadership of Miss Phyllis Randle. For further details I refer you to her report.

COST OF EDUCATION

Every community owes to its children educational advantages. Every community wants efficient schools. The questions often raised are: Are we paying too much for our schools? Are we spending too large a percentage of our income for schools? Can our school expenditures be justified on economic grounds?

In your endeavor to answer these questions please keep in mind the following facts taken from the Research Bulletins of the National Educational Association:

1. From each dollar of our national yearly income we allot 2.41 cents for public elementary and secondary schools.
2. The investment in public school plants in U. S. is 1.44 per cent. of our total property or wealth.
3. From whatever angle the question is studied, it is clear that but a minor fraction of our economic power and capital is invested in public schools.

4. The nations bill for life insurance is slightly larger than that paid for public education. (Is life insurance more important than public education?)

5. For every dollar we spend for public schools we expend \$3.01 for new buildings.

6. For every dollar of capital invested in public school plants, we have \$4.84 in savings accounts.

7. The public school bill requires \$2.41 (elementary and secondary schools) out of each \$100 of income; our passenger automobile bill requires \$14.21.

8. For every dollar spent for schools, \$2.77 is spent for candy, chewing gum, tobacco, theatres, etc.

In conclusion:

First, a minor fraction of the nation's economic power and capital is invested in public schools.

Second, it expends annually for each of a number of items considerably more than it expends for public education. It is doubtful if any of these items are of greater significance to the general welfare than is public education.

With these facts before us, does it appear that there is justification for the contention that too large a part of our wealth and income is invested in the schools, and that more money is expended for education than its importance justifies?

The above data concerns the entire United States. What we are interested in, of course, would be comparative statements concerning the economic ability of Douglas to support its schools. Such data we do not have, but we have some interesting statistics relative to our State, and it is presumed the town of Douglas should compare favorably with this state average.

Here are some of the facts having to do with Massachusetts' ability to finance its schools:

1. In estimated wealth Massachusetts is sixth in the list of states with \$12,878,793,000.

2. In average annual current income Massachusetts ranks fifth with \$3,392,513,000.

3. The wealth per child in Massachusetts (1926) is \$23,102 (average for United States is \$17,619; Massachusetts in 1900, \$8,980.)

4. The average annual current income per child in Massachusetts is \$6,088.

From the foregoing facts, and with the assumption that Douglas has economic ability to finance its schools equal to the average of the state (a fair assumption) it is apparent that adequate school appropriations will cause no excessive financial burden.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. GARCELON,

Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

Assessed valuation, February 1, 1929.....	\$2,235,197
Population, census of 1925.....	2,377
No. persons in town between 5 and 16 years of age, October 1, 1928—boys 277, girls 262.....	539
No. persons between 5 and 7 years of age—boys 40, girls 33	73
No. persons between 7 and 14 years of age—boys 188, girls 180	368
No. persons between 14 and 16 years of age—boys 49, girls 49	98
Total enrollment in all public schools during school year ending June 15, 1928	565
Average membership for school year	536
Average attendance for school year	519
Per cent of attendance.....	96.4
No. school buildings in use	4
No. teachers required by the public schools	16
No. special teachers	4
No. teachers graduated from college	4
No. teachers graduated from normal school.....	8
No. weeks High School was in session	40
No. weeks grades were in session	38
No. pupils graduated from High School	14
No. pupils graduated from Grammar School.....	31

Attendance for School Year Ending June 1928.

SCHOOL	TEACHERS	Enrollment	Under 5 years	Between 5-7 years	Between 7-14 years	Between 14-16 years	Over 16 years	Av. Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attend.	No. Tardinesses	No. Dismissals
High.....	C. W. Holmes..... Eleanor C. Bailey..... Emma L. Harlow.....	71	0	0	4	35	32	66.84	64.78	96.92	116	12
E. Douglas 8.....	Audrey Jones.....	34	0	0	19	14	1	32.31	31.08	96.20	53	0
“ 7.....	Louise S. Varney.....	47	0	0	34	13	0	42.85	41.85	97.06	30	9
“ 6.....	Eunice L. Buffington.....	48	0	0	45	3	0	45.82	45.04	98.29	7	0
“ 5.....	Myra H. Jillson.....	49	0	0	48	1	0	43.53	42.78	98.06	18	8
“ 4.....	Lola H. Dudley.....	45	0	0	45	0	0	44.52	43.78	98.34	5	0
“ 2-3 4.....	Elsa M. Peterson.....	34	0	1	33	0	0	32.63	32.90	97.82	5	6
“ 3.....	May C. Buxton.....	46	0	0	45	1	0	45.10	43.82	96.97	18	9
“ 2.....	Etta H. Johnson.....	48	0	9	39	0	0	46.12	44.82	97.21	5	3
“ 1 a.....	Mollie H. Kelley.....	39	0	33	6	0	0	36.60	34.38	93.59	6	0
“ 1 b.....	Daisy E. Sweet.....	27	0	20	7	0	0	25.31	24.53	96.92	16	3
Douglas Center 5-7	Gertrude M. Smith.....	20	0	18	2	0	0	19.63	18.64	95.03	18	4
“ 1-4	Edith L. Dixon.....	36	0	10	25	1	0	34.50	32.85	93.49	41	4
So. Douglas 1-8	Octavia L. Jarvis.....	21	0	3	18	0	0	19.23	17.75	92.56	23	5
Totals		565	0	76,386	70	33	535.99	519.33	96.36	361	63	

Rank of the Schools in Attendance and Punctuality for Year ending June 1928.

Rank	ATTENDANCE	Per Cent. of Attendance	Rank	PUNCTUALITY	Per Cent. of Tardiness
1	East Douglas, 4	98.34	1	East Douglas, 2	.03
2	" " 6	98.29	2	" " 4	.03
3	" " 5	98.06	3	" " 2-3-4	.04
4	" " 2-3-4	97.82	4	" " 6	.05
5	" " 7	97.66	5	" " 1-a	.05
6	" " 2	97.21	6	" " 3	.11
7	" " 3	96.97	7	" " 5	.12
8	" " 1-b	96.92	8	" " 1-b	.18
9	High	96.92	9	" " 7	.20
10	East Douglas, 8	96.20	10	Douglas Center, 5-7	.25
11	Douglas Center, 5-7	95.03	11	" " 1-4	.33
12	East Douglas, 1-a	93.59	12	So. Douglas, 1-8	.34
13	Douglas Center, 1-4	93.49	13	High	.46
14	So. Douglas, 1-8	92.56	14	East Douglas, 8	.46
Average,		96.36	Average,		.19
Average for State		93.05			

NOTE—No record of tardiness is kept by the state. Above 1%, however, is regarded as unsatisfactory.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 1929.

NAME	SCHOOL	HOME ADDRESS	GRADUATE OF	When appointed in town
C. W. Holmes	High	East Douglas	Brown University	1918
Hortense Fister	"	Milford	Maryland College	1928
Emma L. Harlow	"	Randolph, Vt.	University of Vermont	1927
Audrey Jones	"	Lubec, Me.	Machias Normal	1925
LeRoy Allard	East Douglas, 8	Whitinsville	Brown University	1928
Emmie L. Buffington	"	East Douglas	Douglas High	1890
Myra H. Jillson	"	Douglas	Worcester Normal	1924
Lola H. Dudley	"	E. Douglas	Boston Normal	1926
May C. Buxton	"	Douglas	Worcester Normal	1916
Louise H. Clarenbach	"	Holyoke	Westfield Normal	1928
Etta H. Johnson	"	East Douglas	Douglas High	1889
Mollie H. Kelley	"	East Douglas	Douglas High	1908
Daisy E. Sweet	"	East Douglas	Wheelock Training School	1916
Gertrude M. Smith	Douglas Cent. 5-7	Douglas	Middlebury, Vt. High	1900
May E. Anderson	"	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1928
Octavia L. Jarvis	"	Douglas	Worcester Normal	1927
*Alma King	S. Douglas, 1-8	Webster	N. E. Conservatory Music	1927
†Phyllis Randle	Music	So. Boston	Mass. Normal Art	1927
***Minnie A. Brigham	Drawing	Sutton	Worcester Domestic Science	1929
†S. E. Bohaker	Domestic Science	Fitchburg	Fitchburg Normal	1928
	Manual Training			

*Supervises also in Dudley. **Supervises also in Uxbridge, Blackstone and Millville—appointed, Feb. 1, 1929.

†Supervises also in Millis and Seekonk.

‡Supervises also in Uxbridge.

Douglas Memorial High School Report

To the Superintendent and School Committee:

I herewith submit my eleventh annual report on the Douglas High School.

The total enrollment since September, 1927, is the same as last year, 72. Of these 30 are boys and 42 girls.

To the date of this report, January 12, no girls have left school and only two boys. One boy went to work and the other broke his leg in a football game and will return as soon as able.

The per cent of attendance for four months was 97.84. Out of an aggregate attendance of 5,197 for the four months there were 34 cases of tardiness. Eleven of these cases seemed unavoidable because of early morning duties at Church, such as the duties of altar boy or choir service.

The program is so crowded this year that the class in Cicero meets after school at 1:45, and a review class in mathematics, started this winter, sometimes must have an afternoon session.

The work is distributed as follows, with the number of pupils taking each subject and the number of periods in each per week:

The Principal:

First Year Algebra, 15 daily
 Plane Geometry, 8 daily
 American History and Civics, 25 daily
 Chemistry, 18, seven periods per week (four for laboratory)
 General Science, 25 four periods a week
 Review Mathematics, 8 three periods a week

Miss Harlow:

Freshmen English, 25 daily
 Sophomore English, 20 daily
 Junior and Senior English, 25 daily
 Business Arithmetic, 10 four times a week
 Bookkeeping, 12 four times a week
 Community Civics, 12 four times a week
 Typewriting, 20 daily

Miss Fister:

First Year Latin, 14 daily
 Cæsar, 5 daily
 Cicero, 4 daily
 Beginners' French, 19 daily
 Junior French, 15 daily
 Senior French, 10 daily
 Ancient History, 15 four times a week

A great deal of credit is due Miss Harlow and Miss Fister for the fine spirit of co-operation they have shown in our high school work, which includes a great deal besides teaching all the subjects named above. In addition to carrying all this regular work they are ever ready to cheerfully take up whatever seems desirable to promote the interests of the students in their extra-curricula activities. The result of their efforts, and the efforts of the special teachers and of all concerned, enable me to say that the high school is the best by far that it has been in my experience here.

A high percentage of our graduates continue their education in higher institutions. Of the fourteen graduates last year one entered Brown direct from here and is making good there in one of the hardest colleges in the country for a Freshman. Another is in college in Pennsylvania. One girl is in training in Massachusetts General Hospital. Six are in business schools and one is in the Lynn General Electric schools.

Of the ten who are to graduate this year, at least three intend to go to college. The more capable are encouraged by the success of our recent graduates in two or three of the best institutions in the country.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HOLMES,

Principal.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

of

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Douglas Town Hall, Friday Evening, June 22, 1928, at 8:00 o'clock

March Pontificale *Gounod*

High School Orchestra

Invocation Rev. Elisha Hooper

School Chorus—Happy Song *Gaines*

Trumpet Obbligato by Raymond Thomas

Salutatory Margaret Loretta Frost

Class History William Murphy

Essay—Success John Martin Virostek

War March of the Priests *Mendelssohn*

High School Orchestra

Gifts to the Class Louisa Manning and Esther Anderson

Essay—Co-operation Louis Andrew Hvizdos

Class Poem Ruth Gertrude Crockett

Essay—The Value of a High School Course Gustave Albert Bigos

School Chorus—The House by the Side of the Road *Gulesian*

Class Prophecy Raymond Thomas

Essay—Life's Challenge Edward Church Buxton

Class Will Salvatore John Coppola

Gift to the School Mary Frances Hanley

Response Ruth Sweet

Valedictory Pauline Loomis

Class Song—Graduates' Farewell *Veazie*

Violin Solo—Scene de Ballet *De Beriot*

France J. Rivard

Presentation of Diplomas, C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools

Marshals—Joseph Virostek and Ruth Sweet

CLASS MOTTO

Out of School Life into Life's School

CLASS FLOWER

CLASS COLORS

American Beauty

Green and Silver

Flower Girl—Ruth Manning

CLASS ROLL

Esther Christyn Anderson

Louis Andrew Hvizdos

Gustave Albert Bigos

Pauline Loomis

Edward Church Buxton

Louisa Manning

Salvatore John Coppola

William Murphy

Ruth Gertrude Crockett

France J. Rivard

Margaret Loretta Frost

Raymond Thomas

Mary Frances Hanley

John Martin Virostek

Courses of Study in Douglas High School

Approved by the State Board of Education
Adopted by the School Committee

IN EFFECT SEPTEMBER, 1925

FRESHMAN YEAR

Classical

English 5
General Science 5
Latin 5
Algebra 5
*Manual Training 1
*Domestic Science 1
Music 1
*Drawing 1

General

English 5
General Science 5
*Algebra 5
*Business Arithmetic 5
*Community Civics 5
*Manual Training 1
*Domestic Science 1
Music 1
Drawing 1

SOPHOMORE YEAR

English 5
Latin 5
Geometry 5
*French 5
*Ancient History 5
*Typewriting 4
Music 1
*Drawing 1

English 5
*French 5
*Geometry 5
*Ancient History 5
*Bookkeeping 5
*Typewriting 4
Music 1
Drawing 1

JUNIOR YEAR

English 5
*Physics 5
Latin 5
*French 5
*Algebra A₂, 5
Review Geometry 2½
Music 1
*Drawing 1

English 5
*Physics 5
*Modern European History 5
*French 5
*Physical Geog. and Astronomy 5
*Typewriting 4
Music 1
*Drawing 1

SENIOR YEAR

English 5
*Latin 5
*Chemistry 5
*French 5
American History and Civics 5
Solid Geometry 2½
Trigonometry 2½
Music 1
*Drawing 1

English 5
*Chemistry 5
*French 5
American History & Civics 5
*Commercial Geography 5
Music 1
*Drawing 1

Figures after subjects denote periods per week.
The star (*) before subjects denotes electives.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Superintendent of Schools, Douglas, Mass.

DEAR SIR:

In September we begin with a review of the technical work in music and endeavor to proceed carefully in order that the pupils may understand the old problems before proceeding with the new.

Individual singing is being stressed. We can in this way learn whether the individual is thinking for himself or leaning on the leaders.

The orchestra has been working faithfully. In September we started in with four violins, one trumpet, two saxophones, one drummer and the accompanist. One violinist has since left us. The orchestra has played on several occasions, first at the reception given the new teachers, at the P. T. A. lecture; at the play given by the dramatic club; at the Schubert program given at the High School, also at the High School Christmas party.

The week of November 18, 1928, being internationally observed as Schubert week, programs of Schubert music were given in most of the schools.

Rhythmic bands are being developed. The children in these bands, by means of actually performing on these instruments of no technical difficulty, develop a sense of rhythm, learn concentration and awaken to a sense of group consciousness.

A girls' glee club has just been organized. Weekly rehearsals are being held on Monday evenings.

Again I would like to express my appreciation of the hearty co-operation of the teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMA L. KING,

Music Supervisor.

Report of Supervisor of Drawing

Every town strives to be progressive in their schools and hopes to produce if not great men at least men who will sympathize and encourage the great ones in their endeavors. This is the ultimate aim of drawing and it is especially adapted to the fostering of this attitude by both the creating of one's own works and the appreciation of others.

This year the drawing course has continued along the same lines as last year. All classes are making good progress, and it would be well to have an exhibition of school work in the town hall open to the public for a week so they may judge for themselves.

The zest and enthusiasm with which the seventh and eighth grades entered into a New York contest deserves worthy mention.

Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are working on state-wide poster contests fostered by Class. Savings Bank Association and the S. P. C. A.

I should like to see a special drawing class to which talented pupils of the sixth and upper grades could attend once a week.

PHYLLIS RANDLE,

Art Supervisor.

Report of Domestic Science Teacher

Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Superintendent of Schools.

DEAR SIR:

It is with pleasure that I submit my fifth annual report as Supervisor of Home Economics in the public schools of Douglas.

The general aims of the course are:

- (a) To give an understanding of the needs and uses of foods in the body.
- (b) To develop good eating habits.
- (c) To give some skill in the preparation of foods and to interest the girl in practicing at home.
- (d) To develop judgment in the selection of food in relation to health through the preparation and serving of meals planned on a health basis.
- (e) To give an appreciation of orderly table arrangement and service and a desire for good table manners.

Beginning January 17, 1929, the time allotted for Freshman Cookery has been lengthened from one hour and a half to one hour and fifty minutes, the eighth grade from one hour and ten minutes to one hour and a half, thereby giving each class a better opportunity for more advanced projects.

Sewing

The general aims of the course are:

- (a) To develop a knowledge and liking for sewing, to enable the girl to be helpful in the home and to improve her personal appearance.
- (b) To develop skill in technical sewing processes, in correct use of proper tools, and to know and use the correct sewing position in regard to body and light.
- (c) To develop an appreciation of the care and repair of clothing.
- (d) To teach the use of the sewing machine and its care.

The time allotted for the sewing class is one hour and three-fourths.

The first half of the year the girls were taught the simple stitches, basting, running, backstitching, overcasting, hemming and overhanding. The project for the last half of the year is the making of the cooking uniform to be used the next year. This project consists of the making of an apron, holder and towel.

In closing my report I wish to express my appreciation of the co-operation of the Superintendent, School Committee, Principal and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIDGE COOK,

Supervisor of Home Economics.

Report of Instructor in Manual Training

Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Superintendent of Schools, Douglas. Mass.

DEAR SIR:

I hereby submit my report as Manual Training Instructor in the Public Schools of Douglas.

We have a total of 51 (fifty-one) pupils in the Manual Training Department, all of whom take a great deal of interest in the work.

The seventh grade has devoted most of the time making smaller projects such as, tie racks, broom holders, towel holders, etc.

The eighth grade have advanced far enough to make the larger, more practical projects such as ferneries, medicine cabinets, table lamps and floor lamps.

The High School boys have made some very good projects and some of them were: Magazine stands, smoking stands, medicine cabinets, taborets and ferneries.

The general group are working on teachers' desks and these as well as the other projects will be on exhibition in order that the people may see that Manual Training is a benefit to the boys in the public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. BOHAKER,

Supervisor of Manual Training.

Report of School Physician

February 5, 1929.

Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Superintendent of Schools, Douglas, Mass.

DEAR SIR:

Following is the report of physical examination of school children for the year 1928.

Pupils examined	526
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Defects

Tonsils and adenoids	163
Defective teeth	284
Enlarged glands	246
Heart	5
Nervous system	5
Mentality	3

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. QUINN,

School Physician.

Report of School Nurse

Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Superintendent of Schools:

The following is my annual report of the work done by me as School Nurse in the public schools of Douglas and East Douglas for the year 1928.

Daily visits were made to the schools, which covered a period of two hours each day.

Assisted School Physician with his annual inspection of the pupils at the beginning of the school term.

556 Pupils inspected for pediculi.

85 First aid treatments.

9 Pupils excluded from school on account of illness, etc.

7 Pupils referred to family physician.

109 Visits made to the homes of pupils.

657 Pupils weighed and measured.

83 Health talks.

The dental clinic sponsored by the P. T. A. was held as usual this year, the work including the first four grades.

This year's examination has shown a great improvement in the children's teeth and we hope this work can be continued.

We were very fortunate this year with so few cases of communicable diseases reported.

At this time I wish to thank you, the School Committee, teachers and parents for the kind co-operation given me.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHRYN CHAPDELAINE,

School Nurse.

February 19, 1929.

Report of Instructor in Summer Sewing Class

Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Superintendent of Schools.

DEAR SIR:

I herewith submit my fourteenth report as Supervisor of the Summer Sewing. This class numbered 58, the largest class we have ever had.

The classes were well attended, much interest shown and the results were manifest at our exhibition held in the Town Hall, Tuesday evening, August 28th.

I wish to thank Mrs. Aldrich for the use of her sewing machine and Miss Jenckes for cloth contributed.

Since the opening of school, Mrs. Marie S. Smith has presented us with a sewing machine, which will be much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA H. JOHNSON,

Supervisor of Summer Sewing.

October 22, 1928.

RESULTS OF THE TESTS FOR VISION AND HEARING

Number of pupils tested	524
Number found defective in vision	22
Number found defective in hearing	4
Number of parents or guardians notified	22

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT

Number of cases investigated	12
Number absent on account of sickness	7
Number absent on account of truancy	3
Number absent for other causes	3
Number brought back to school	9

DOUWE DEJONG,
E. L. WILLIAMS,

Attendance Officers.

February, 1929.

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES

Issued January 1, 1928, to January 1, 1929.

Report of Mr. Douwe DeJong

Number Persons Issued Certificates.		Number Certificates Issued.	
Educational (literate)	42	Educational (literate)	47
Educational (illiterate)	0	Educational (illiterate)	0
Special home permits	1	Special home permits	1
Employment	13	Employment	14
Total	56	Total	62

Mr. E. L. Williams has been appointed by the Superintendent of Schools to issue certificates, and these may be obtained by those entitled to them by making application to Mr. Williams.

MEMBERS OF TEACHERS' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

C. W. Holmes, Daisy E. Sweet, Audrey Jones, Myra H. Jillson, Emma L. Harlow, Octavia Jarvis, Alma King, Phyllis Randle, LeRoy Allard, Hortense Fister, Louise H. Clarenbach, S. E. Bohaker, Minnie A. Brigham, May Anderson.

SCHOOL BANNERS

The school banner awarded for excellence in attendance and punctuality each month has been won for the past year as follows:

	Grade	Per Cent Attendance	Number of Tardinesses
January, East Douglas, 6	6	98.52	0
February, " " 7	7	99.07	1
March, " " 6	6	98.72	0
April, " " 3	3	99.14	1
May, " " 1-b	1-b	99.46	0
June, " " 6	6	99.79	0
September, " " 4	4	99.67	0
October, " " 6	6	99.33	1
November, " " 1-b	1-b	99.76	4
December, " " 4	4	98.91	0

HONOR ROLL

Pupil neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 6 years:

Lillian Johnston

Pupil neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 5 years:

Helen M. Aldrich

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 3 years:

Andrew Virostek, Mary Bahlida, Stephen Virostek, Walter Janton.

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 2 years:

Josephine Wojtalick, Raymond Fortier, Edward Martinsen, Rose Cassista, Elizabeth Frost, Jennie Gnadek, Stanley Budzyna, Michael Zifcat, Katherine Landor, Alexander Johnston, Stanley Hall, Homer Aldrich, Catherine Bombara, Marietta Kenyon, Anna A. Zemianek.

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for the past year :

France J. Rivard, Henry Thomas, Anna Virostek, Arthur Brule, Stephen Bombara, Lawrence Gonsorcik, James Peters, Norman Therrien, Rose Allega, Stephen Bigos, Anthony Coppola, Sophie Kostka, Frank Maziarka, Tony Novick, John Pelky, Michael Stanick, Stephen Stefanick, Oscar Salo, Rhoda Bonville, Anna Fortier, Stella Gradek, Mary Piepszak, Margaret Zifcat, Edmund Cassista, Norman Jussaume, Kenneth Leighton, Michael Yerka, Edward Fortier, Frank Novitski, Olin Thomas, Winfred Valliere, Lena Cook, Annie Hreusick, Ellen Larsen, Sophie Meszaros, Rose Ofcarick, Anna Ofcarick, Inez Aldrich, Anna Krock, Annie Lemanick, Bertha Brule, Catherine Cencak, Hilda Petrie, Rosalie Chizy, Raymond Desjourdy, Michael Krock, William Plant, Robert Walker, Frank Manyak, Joseph Zemianek, Doris Decoteau, Mary Casey, Joseph Mickolojck, Catherine Resnicke, Wanda Chizy, Joseph Munroe, Helen Baker, Ethel Baker, Herman Devries, Rita Gauthreau, Julia Virosteak, Joseph Wojtalick, Chester Wojtalick, William Walmsley.

